

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 11

A RESOLUTION (1) OPPOSING INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ("INDOT") INTENT TO INSTALL A MEDIAN U-TURN ("MUT") ON STATE ROAD 66 FOR THE EPWORTH ROAD INTERSECTION AND (2) SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF A SYMMETRICAL DISPLACED LEFT TURN INTERSECTION

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Council (the "Council") has been informed of INDOT's intent to construct a Median U-Turn for the intersection of S.R. 66 and Epworth Road within Warrick County; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes Epworth Road's intersection with S.R. 66 is the single most important intersection in Warrick County; and

WHEREAS, Epworth Road's intersection with S.R. 66 is (1) Warrick County's front door, (2) a heavily invested in location in Warrick County (\$600,000,000+ private funds invested to date, over \$20,000,000 of Warrick County funds invested), (3) southwest Indiana's regional health care location of choice, and (4) Warrick County's key I-69 exit; and

WHEREAS, the Council has also been informed of INDOT's intent to construct a Median U-Turn for the intersection of Lloyd Expressway and Cross Pointe Boulevard within Vanderburgh County and located to the west of the Epworth Road intersection; and

WHEREAS, the volume of traffic, which includes ambulances (from nearby healthcare facilities), fire trucks (from the nearby fire station), tractor trailers, school buses, box trucks, fuel trucks, campers, and recreational vehicles on S.R. 66 has significantly increased due to significant growth in Warrick County, especially along Epworth Road and the Warrick Wellness Trail; and

WHEREAS, none of INDOT's proposed improvements to the Lloyd Expressway Corridor (other than Epworth Road and Cross Pointe Boulevard) include the use of a Median U-Turn; and

WHEREAS, the Council is the fiscal body in Warrick County and is responsible for the funding of the road systems located in Warrick County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council strongly opposes INDOT's construction of a Median U-Turn for the S.R. 66/Epworth intersection in Warrick County or anywhere along the S.R. 66/Lloyd Expressway Corridor.


1. Local stakeholders have expressed safety concerns that, although Median U-Turns may have their place in more rural areas within the State of Indiana or the Midwest, those local stakeholders believe that the current and future volume of traffic at the intersection of S.R. 66 and Epworth is beyond the capacity to be safely and efficiently handled by the installation of a Median U-Turn, and the Median U-Turn has been rejected by many local stakeholders.
2. The Warrick County School Corporation currently uses S.R. 66 as a main artery for taking students to and from school in Warrick County. The Council has been informed that the Median U-Turns will require school buses loaded with children to make U-Turns on S.R. 66 in order to travel north on Epworth Road.
3. The Council has been informed that the same U-Turn requirement would exist for every ambulance, fire truck, tractor trailer, camper, RV, farm equipment and all other vehicles that need to go north on Epworth Road while traveling east on S.R. 66.
4. There are currently multiple healthcare facilities located on Epworth Road both north and south of S.R. 66. The Council has been informed that patients requiring the need for cancer treatment, orthopedic procedures, and rehabilitation needs plus the future healthcare expansion that is expected along Epworth Road and the Warrick Wellness Trail (a new 50,000 square foot digestive care facility is currently being constructed) will be required to navigate their way through INDOT's proposed Median U-Turn in order to obtain healthcare treatment in this area. The Council wants safe and efficient access for these patients to receive their necessary healthcare along and adjacent to Epworth Road.
5. The Council recognizes that Median U-Turns may be less expensive than the symmetrical displaced left turn intersection proposed by Warrick County for the intersection of S.R. 66 and Epworth Road. However, the Council encourages INDOT to not spend highway funds on non-effective solutions that are disliked by many businesses/stakeholders along this Epworth Road Corridor. Instead, the Council encourages INDOT to work with Warrick County and other counties along the Lloyd Expressway Corridor to prioritize intersections of concern and to develop a long term solution for these intersections, such as the symmetrical displaced left turn intersection proposed and supported by many residents, businesses, and stakeholders of Warrick County, as shown in the attached Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the Warrick County Council this 1st day of October, 2020.

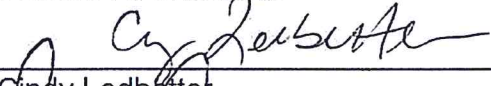
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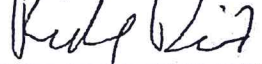
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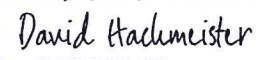
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